

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:221  
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2001  
NATIONAL POLICY ON WOMEN  
CHANDRAKANT BHURAO KHAIRE

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Policy on women initiated by the Government during 1996 is yet to be finalized;
- (b) if so, the reasons for delay; and
- (c) the steps being taken to finalise the same?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a), (b) & (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in the reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 221 for 13.3.2001 by Shri Chandrakant Khaire regarding National Policy on Women

(a), (b) & (c): The draft of a National Policy on Empowerment of Women was prepared in November, 1995. Extensive consultations were made with voluntary organizations, academicians women activists, concerned Ministries and it was discussed in the Consultative Committee of the Parliament. Based on this, a revised version of the Policy was prepared in August, 1997. However, due to changes of Government at the center, a final view on it could not emerge. The draft National Policy on Empowerment of Women is now under consideration of the Government.